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SUBJECT: GOP DENOUNCES CONSPIRACY: ALLEGES COMPLICITY OF SOME
"ZONIANS' PANAMANIAN OLIGARCHY, AND AMERICAN SOLDIERS

1. A "DETAILED, OFFICIAL REPORT" PREPARED BY TORRIJOS' INFORMATION
ADVISOR ANNOUNCED THE DISCOVERY OF A PLAN OF DESTABILIZATION
TO SUBVERT THE GOP. REPORT ALLEGES INVOLVEMENT IN THE
CONSPIRACY OF SOME RESIDENTS OF THE CANAL ZONE, U.S. SOLDIERS
AND MANY MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED PANAMANIAN OLIGARCHY.

2. MAJOR POINTS OF THE OFFICIAL GOP REPORT FOLLOW.

A. TORRIJOS' INFORMATION ADVISOR SOUGHT TO STANCH BIZARRE
AND DISPROPORTIONATE WAVE OF RUMORS AFFLICTING PANAMA CITY
BY PRESENTING THE "TRUTH" TO ALL CALLERS. SO BAD HAD RUMOR
MONGERING BECOME THAT AP AND UPI CORRESPONDENTS WERE DIRECTED
BY THEIR OFFICES IN U.S. TO INVESTIGATE. INFORMATION ADVISOR
RESPONDED TO THEM, BUT AP AND UPI DID NOT PUBLISH HIS VERSION.
"THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF A PLAN OF DESTABLIZATION AGAINST
OUR INSTITUTIONS, PUT IN MARCH BY DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN
SECTORS INTERESTED IN PROVOKING A GENERAL CRISIS IN THE COUNTRY."

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B. DURING THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND STREET RIOTING OF THE LAST WEEK, POLICE NOTED THE PRESENCE OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN AGENTS PROVOCATEURS WHO TRIED TO EXACERBATE THE TENSE SITUATION.

C. LONG BEFORE SEPT. 10, MEETINGS OF PANAMANIAN AND SOME RESIDENTS OF CANAL ZONE WERE HELD IN PRIVATE HOMES IN THE CANAL ZONE WHEREIN PLANS TO DISTURB PUBLIC ORDER WERE DISCUSSED AND LEAFLETS TO THAT END DRAFTED.

D. PANAMANIAN MEMBERS OF THE OLIGARCHY WHO HAVE BEEN DENOUNCED SO FAR ARE: CARLOS ERNESTO CONZALEZ DE LA LASTRA(ALLEGED TO HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE CANAL ZONE), AND A BEVY OF WIVES OF THE UPPER CLASS IN PANAMA WHO PLANNED TO FOMENT A WOMEN'S "EMPTY POTS" MARCH SIMILAR TO THOSE IN CHILE IN 1973.

E. MEMBERS OF INTELLIGENCE UNITS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENT STREET VIOLENCE, IN OBEDIENCE TO THE DESTABILIZATION PLAN. IN TANDEM, SCN (SOUTHERN COMMAND NEWS) GAVE OUT FALSE INFORMATION DURING THE STREET VIOLENCE. ATTACHED AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF U.S. COMPLICITY IS THAT NONE OF THE RECENT VIOLENCE WAS DIRECTED AGAINST U.S. INSTALLATIONS.

3. NEITHER SOUTHCOM NOR THE CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ACCUSED OF AUTHORIZING THE CONSPIRACY, BUT THE IMPLICATION IS UNMISTAKABLE.

4. GOP-SUPPORTED STUDENT GROUP (FEP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL) AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS HAVE DENOUNCED "CERTAIN PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN AND ORGANISMS OF THE CANAL ZONE, UNITS OF U.S. ARMED FORCES INTELLIGENCE GROUPS, CIA, CANAL ZONE POLICE, AND MEMBERS OF THE OLIGARCHY" FOR FOMENTING AND FUNDING THE RECENT VIOLENCE. SO FAR THEY HAVE NOT CALLED FOR A PUBLIC MEETING TO REGISTER THIS PROTEST.

5. REPORTS OF U.S. CITIZEN ARRESTEES ARE CONFLICTING, ACCORDING TO SOUTHCOM PROVOST MARSHAL THE FOLLOWING THREE MEN HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN THE LAST THREE DAYS:
PFC BERNARD JAMISON, (NFN) PENDERGASS, AND (NFN) WILD. OF
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THEM ONLY JAMISON HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATING IN DISORDERS. OTHER NAMES LISTED IN PRESS HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY ZONE AUTHORITIES YET.
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